

Senate Resolution 799

By: Senators Tate of the 38th, Fort of the 39th and Reed of the 35th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Reverend Dr. Walter L. Kimbrough on the occasion of his retirement; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, for more than 35 years, Reverend Dr. Walter L. Kimbrough has served his
4 fellow man with humility and devotion, providing leadership at all levels of the United
5 Methodist Church in communities in northern Illinois and northern Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, after successfully leading Chicago congregations through a period of racial
7 transition, he was appointed in 1974 to the Cascade Church in Atlanta, where he shepherded
8 the church from a dying congregation of less than 100 members to a vibrant faith community
9 of over 7,000; and

10 WHEREAS, besides his invaluable leadership to Cascade Church, which has included
11 overseeing a relocation in 1994 and planning for an upcoming move to yet a bigger church
12 facility, Dr. Kimbrough has been highly involved with a number of organizations and boards;
13 among his current activities, he is a member of the United Methodist Publishing Board, the
14 Board of Ordained Ministry of the North Georgia Conference, the Huston Tillotson
15 University Board of Trustees, the Board of Directors for Black Methodists for Church
16 Renewal, Inc., as well as his service as treasurer of the MARTA Board of Directors; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Kimbrough's faithful service and leadership has earned him numerous
18 accolades, including the Chairman's Award from the fourth biannual Convocation for Pastors
19 of African-American Churches, the Philip Award from the National Association of United
20 Methodist Evangelists, and being honored as one of the "Community Heroes" whose face
21 appears on the Coca-Cola Centennial Olympic Wall, among countless other distinctions; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Kimbrough is also the author of *Nothing is Impossible* and a contributor to
23 *365 Meditations for Men* and *365 Meditations for Families*; widely admired for his great

1 insight and eloquence, his address, "Reclaiming Our Mission to the City," appears in the
2 book, *The World Forever Our Parish*; and

3 WHEREAS, a devoted family man, Dr. Kimbrough is married to author and educator, Mrs.
4 Marjorie L. Kimbrough, and is the proud father of Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough and Mr. Wayne
5 M. Kimbrough; and

6 WHEREAS, after so many years of giving so much to his church and his community, Dr.
7 Kimbrough will be retiring, and his outstanding leadership will be sorely missed by the
8 congregants of Cascade Church and beyond.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
10 join in commending Reverend Dr. Walter L. Kimbrough on his numerous contributions to
11 the United Methodist Church and to Georgia and extend their very best wishes for a happy
12 and fulfilling retirement.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
14 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Dr. Walter L. Kimbrough.